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SODA SPRINGS, Idaho -- November 15, 1990 -- Monsanto Company's local plant donated \$25,000 to the city to help establish and finance the activities of a special community advisory committee to review slag-related issues in the area. Soda Springs Mayor Kirk L. Hansen will appoint the committee and administer the funds to help the new organization organize and acquire the information they believe necessary to make informed decisions.

Low levels of radiation were found in slag in the Soda Springs area. While the EPA's Science Advisory Board reviews its study to determine whether the levels represent a concern, the community will also review the issue and make a recommendation, if necessary, with respect to community concerns.

Members of the new advisory committee will represent a cross-section of the Soda Springs community. The committee will have the opportunity to obtain input from citizens, independent consultants, regulatory agencies and industry. Industry and EPA will be available to serve as consultants to the group.

The grant will be administered by the mayor or his appointee for expenses such as travel, consultants' fees, and general meeting costs. The only condition of the grant is that it be used for the slag issue. A wide representation from the community will be assembled as part of the citizen's advisory group so that all viewpoints can be considered.

"Scientific issues are playing a more important role over our lives and lifestyles," said Plant Manager Michael McCullough. "It is important to thoroughly understand complex issues facing us so we can make informed decisions. Formation of this community advisory committee is an important first step."

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